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BIOGRAPHY

Mr. George K. Gafka
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Biography:

Mr. Gafka is the ISS Chief Engineer for the S&MA Directorate at NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC). In this capacity, he assures the integrity of ISS products/services for the Directorate. Also, he leads activities that require the integration of multiple disciplines, systems, and/or organizations.

Prior to this role, Mr. Gafka served as the Chief Engineer and System Engineering and Integration Lead for the Tile Repair Project in support of Shuttle Return To Flight. He provided technical leadership of the team, assurance for all project products, and risk management.

Mr. Gafka joined NASA/JSC in 1989 as co-op. He received a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Texas at Austin (1991) and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Houston (1995). Currently, he is completing a master's degree in space systems engineering from the Delft University in the Netherlands. Mr. Gafka is lead vocal stylist in a rock band.